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The Eastern football team will square off against Austin Peay on Saturday in the first OVC game of the season.

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‘Chuck’ full of laughs



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Members of Hello Dali perform a comedy skit where they had to act out scenes that were suggested by audience members.



Members of Hello Dali, Eastern's improv group, receive instructions from audience members as to what their next skit will be.



Rico Torres, a theatre arts major, poses a question during a mock press conference during Hello Dali's performance Thursday in the Coleman lecture hall.

Librarians feel effects of enrollment drop

By Oscar Correa
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

An atmosphere of stillness and emptiness is present in Booth Library because of a decrease in enrollment, which has fallen 9 percent. Though the library seems to be quieter on the inside, the outside environment has not changed, said Randy McCammon, a library specialist. McCammon, who has been an Eastern employee since 2001, said a decade ago enrollment was around 12,000. “(It’s) not as vibrant; this is quite a drop in enrollment,” McCammon said. “It seems as if

the library isn’t used as often.” Currently, enrollment is 8,913, but a decade ago, Eastern had 11,651 students enrolled. McCammon said the people most affected are university employees, current students and prospective students. With the enrollment being lower, class size has also decreased, but that could become a student’s advantage, McCammon said. However, McCammon said there is room for growth, and he sees enrollment as a possible bell-shaped curve. He said the university should try expanding its recruitment to the neighboring states as well. Sally Van der Graaff, a senior library spe-

cialist, shared the same notion as McCammon about student recruitment. Van der Graaff said a larger social media approach could benefit the university more because of the amount of young people using it. Southern Illinois University has billboards in Chicago and Western Illinois University advertises on Pandora, Van der Graaff said. “People are not going to come here unless they know about the university,” Van der Graaff said. Van der Graaff said she is not worried about the decrease in enrollment because the trends might be cyclical.

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Students prepare for Family Weekend activities

By Jarad Jarmon
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A calm before the storm has swept Eastern as students and community members alike prepare for the droves of parents and siblings rushing into Charleston for Family Weekend. Whether they have family coming for the game, Sinbad or to just see the campus, students prepare for the onslaught of parents flooding places like the Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union or Jimmy Johns. Paul Blackmore, a sophomore engineering major, said he was going to make sure he avoided the parents swarming the campus. He said working on homework is his

prime tactic to surviving the weekend. For Katie Rodriguez, an undecided sophomore, parents and other family members are unavoidable. She said seven of her family will be coming down to see the campus including her parents, her two brothers, her brother’s girlfriend, her sister and her sister’s boyfriend. Despite her family coming to Eastern, she said she was not sure if they really just wanted to see the campus. “Most of them are alums. I think they are more excited to come back,” Rodriguez said. “I even think they want to see me.” Overall, Family Weekend will include the football game between the Eastern football team and Austin Peay. Students, faculty, staff and family will

be able to go to the Chinese Acrobats performing at 8 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Tailgating will be from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the O’Brien Stadium Tailgate Area. Kickoff will start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on O’Brien Field. Tickets will be free for students, but adults will need to pay \$20, faculty and staff, \$18, those in highschool, \$7 and children between the ages of four and 14, \$5. Pete Santaro, a sophomore physics major, said he was going to make sure to make it to the tailgate. Following up the game, Sinbad will be performing at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Lantz

Arena. The Doors will be open at 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$21. Students will then have the chance to send their parents off after a breakfast hosted from 9 a.m. until 11:30 in the Grand Ballroom in the Union. For adults, the meal will cost \$9.50, and children between the ages of six and 10. Children under the ages of 5 and under will get in for free. For more information, those interested in any of the events occurring during Family Weekend can go to the Family Weekend schedule website.

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Fun with frisbees



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Sierra Weber, a freshman business major, plays frisbee with her friend Thursday on the Library Quad.

Doudna observes anniversary of WWI

By Samantha Middendorf

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A Cornell University history professor will talk about World War I and its effects on international law at 5 p.m. Friday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

Remembering the one-hundred-year anniversary of the outbreak of WWI, Isabel Hull will express her views on the correlation between the two topics in her presentation of "Rethinking the First World War Through the Lens of International Law."

According to a press release, Hull believes the war is a lesson in the significance of international

law for regulating international relations in war.

"Hull challenges the long-held view that the disastrous conflict was a grand mistake, the result of increasingly radical military responses to an impossible and tragic situation," according to the press release.

A graduate of multiple institutions, Hull received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1970, a master's in philosophy from Yale University in 1973 and a Ph.D. in history from Yale in 1978.

Hull currently focuses her studies and teachings on the international laws of war.

Hull has also published many

books including "A Scrap of Paper: Breaking and Making International Law in the First World War," "Sexuality, State and Civil Society in Germany, 1700-1815," "Absolute Destruction: Military Culture and the Practices of War in Imperial Germany" and "The Entourage of Kaiser Wilhelm II, 1888-1918."

This lecture is a part of "Authenticity" Eastern's 2014-15 Humanities Speaker Series.

The public is welcome to attend the lecture free of charge.

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ISABEL HULL

YouTube artist mixes pop and country

By Kamaria Wade

Staff Reporter | [@DEN_News](https://twitter.com/DEN_News)

YouTube famous artist Emily Hearn will mix pop and country music when she performs at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24 at 7th Street Underground.

Tylen Elliott, the University Board main stage coordinator, said the UB is starting a new program involving YouTube stars.

"The University Board is starting a new program called the You-

Tube Series, and Emily is our first performer," Elliot said.

This new series will feature popular YouTube artists that will perform at Eastern.

Emily Hearn is a 24-year-old singer/songwriter from Georgia.

Hearn has been uploading videos to YouTube for five years, and she has 4,962 subscribers.

Her debut album "Red Balloon" was released in 2012, featuring songs like "Fall," "Not Walking Away" and "Like Ships Need

the Sea."

Many of Hearn's songs have been featured on popular television networks such as MTV and the Hub Network.

"Gotta Have Him" was featured on the Hub Network show "Kid President: Declaration of Awesome" and MTV's "Finding Carter".

Hearn's song "Found A Heart" will be featured in Donald Miller's new novel "Scary Close" as well as on TV shows.

Elliott said she is a young singer-songwriter singing about love, which he thinks will appeal to college students.

Elliott also said the UB booked the performance last semester and has just started to promote it.

Hearn will be performing solo and tickets are free of charge.

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Community resource hosting Take Back the Day 5k

By Kyle Burton
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Members of Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services are hosting the Take Back the Day 5k on Sept. 27 at Sister City Park in order to be one step closer toward ending sexual assault.

The decision to host a 5k stemmed from an analysis of the demographics in the community, which holds a large number of runners.

The event is meant to encourage families, teens, adults and seniors to get active with some friendly competition outdoors.

A shorter route is available for walkers and runners who do not wish to walk the full 3.1 miles.

Anne Wend, the community educator for SACIS, said the plan for the future is for the Take Back the Day 5k to become an annual event.

The 5k will always be hosted on the last weekend of September because of the ideal weather that early fall provides, Wend said.

Take Back the Day is planned to be the autumnal counterpart of SACIS’ Take Back the Night event, which takes place in April.

The Take Back the Day 5k is still in its pre-registration phase.

Online registration is open until Sept. 26 for the price of \$20.

Those who register for the race by Friday are guaranteed to receive a Take Back the Day T-shirt on race day.

Registration is also available on



FILE PHOTO BY KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Blue jeans are displayed on the stage of the Seventh Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during Take Back the Night on April 10. The denim was adorned with accessories and fabric paint in honor of a case in which a woman’s battle against her attacker was challenged because she was "wearing tight jeans."

race day between 7 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. for \$25.

The race is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Once the race has finished, SACIS board member Greg Trumbold will announce the winners.

Sponsors can continue to offer support by calling SACIS through Sept. 27.

Though good weather is anticipated, in the event of rain, the race will be canceled without a reschedule date.

SACIS is an organization that offers counseling, education and advocacy programs to combat harassment, abuse and sexual assault in Coles, Cumberland and Clark counties.

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Chicago-bred comedian performing at 7th Street Underground

By Oscar Correa
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The University Board will be having stand-up comedian Alex Ortiz in honor of Latin American Heritage Month at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in 7th Street Underground.

The comedian was born in New York, but grew up in Chicago.

“Being raised in Humboldt Park was being raised in the ghetto, yet it was a good neighborhood for being Puerto Rican,” Ortiz said.

He considers himself to have been a “smart aleck” when he was younger. He said he would sneak out his mother’s albums and listen to his comedy role models like Cheech and Chong and Red Fox.

He said his comedy has been shaped by his heritage and he gives credit to having Latino parents as an inspiration.

“Growing up in a Puerto Rican house has influenced everything,” he said.

At 18 he enlisted in the army and became a combat medical specialist and later a nurse.

He has also been a firefighter and he did not decide to become a comedian until his 30s.

Ortiz said throughout all his service work, having a good sense of humor and always laughing is important to get through both good and tough situations.

The first time he decided to pick up the microphone was on

the south side of Chicago, and he knew at that moment comedy was his calling.

His first time on television was on Comic View on BET, which he said was nerve-racking, especially the first five minutes.

He said he got over his nerves by going out and “killing it,” because having the right mind is key.

“Have a good time, sit back and enjoy the ride,” he said.

He has since been on Comedy Central and HBO as well.

He has just finished his first movie called “Assassination of the Citizen” about drug dealing and gangbanging in which he plays the lead role.

He said he wanted to follow the

footsteps of actors like Jim Carrey who immerse themselves so far into their characters that they become them.

He said his style of comedy is mainstream with a universal style of jokes.

“I talk about life,” he said. “If you’re alive and living, you will get my jokes.”

He said he used to have a hard persona, but being in mainstream comedy is more relaxed.

Ortiz classifies his style as “mainstream with a touch of hood,” and he prefers shows that have little to no censorship.

“I don’t cuss a lot, but it’s nice to be able to let it slip out,” he said.

This will be his first time performing at Eastern.

Ortiz is currently living in Burbank, California but said he still misses Chicago.

“It got the world’s greatest food,” he said.

He said his advice to comedians in the making is to let go of their fears.

“Just do it, grab a mike and do it,” Ortiz said. “The more you do it, the more you learn.”

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Isabel Hull: ‘Rethinking the First World War Through the Lens of International Law’ 5 PM		Open to the public; Cornell History professor’s lecture located in Doudna Fine Arts Center
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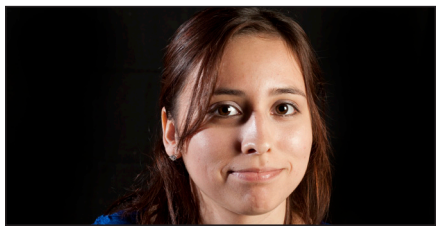
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Students study in sunshine



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Cathrin Klapp, a junior psychology major, and Ayush Shrestha, a freshman management information system major, does their reading for class Thursday outside of the Booth Library.



Zawattanao Jone, a freshman communications major, studies with Nicole Stevens, a freshman business major, Thursday in the South Quad.



Kyle Scharwarth, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, does homework Thursday outside of the Biological Sciences Building.

CAA drafts general education purpose; elects new members

By Debby Hernandez
Administration Editor | @DEN_News

The general education committee worked Thursday on establishing a statement of the purpose of general education courses, noting that Eastern students lack in critical thinking.

Rebecca Throneburg, learning goals co-chair and member of the Council on Academic Affairs, asked council members for their input on the goal of general education courses.

“What do we think the purpose of general education at Eastern Illinois University is?” she asked. “What are we trying to accomplish?”

Committee member Teshome Abebe said that in order to establish a mission, members must first

determine how general education has performed at Eastern.

“I think those things should be discussed first so we have a common understanding of what it is we are trying to fix,” Abebe said.

Throneburg said the assessment data indicated that improvement was needed.

“We have numerous indicators over periods of years that some of our learning outcomes are not as strong as we would like them to be,” she said. “Our critical thinking numbers are at the 7 percentile compared to other institutions.”

She said data on general education will be presented to the committee before discussing the mission for general education.

Throneburg said once the mission is established, the committee could then infuse the learning goals

within general education.

“As a university we have to be intentional to get a change in outcome,” she said.

The council also elected CAA member Marita Gronnvoll as the new chair, and approved four new members to be on the Honors Council.

New members include Mary Konkle, Menghistu Sallehu, Peter Andrews as new faculty members, and Ben Feltes as a student member.

The new dramaturgy theater class will be presented and discussed on Oct. 6 at the CAA meeting.

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She said there could be a lack of students graduating from high school, and money is also an issue for attending college.

Van der Graaff said she is aware that the school is working on new ways of reaching out to students.

She said visiting Eastern is an effective way of getting students to attend, which is how she enrolled.

Van der Graaff said the decrease in enrollment can also be positive because of small class sizes in which professors get to know students on a more personal level.

However, when enrollment decreases people could lose their jobs because of the downsizing effect, Van der Graaff said.

Kathleen Kuhlig-Carter, a library specialist, said the lack of enrollment concerns her because the university is not drawing as many students as it used to.

Kuhlig-Carter said she is concerned that on a national level, four-year universities are not giving the students what they need in today’s economic situation, which could be a reason many students are

enrolling in trade schools.

“People used to be everywhere all the time. Going up and down the stairs, meeting in groups,” Kuhlig-Carter said.

Less people have been in the library asking her for help, which creates a different feeling on her average day at work, Kuhlig-Carter said.

Kuhlig-Carter said less events going on around campus could create a different atmosphere.

She said some departments now have fewer faculty members, which could be because of the decrease in enrollment. However, when staff retire or leave they are not being replaced, which means the job opportunities are dropping as well.

“It all comes back around to the student on the long run,” Kuhlig-Carter said. “If you can’t get a job, we’re not doing any good for you.”

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Hockey club prepared to meet Illini

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The Eastern hockey club is preparing for its first home series of the season against rival University of Illinois- Urbana Champaign, but the Illini have grown comfortable with the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville over the past few weeks.

The Panthers and Illini square off at 7 p.m. Friday and then again at 2 p.m. Saturday in Danville, the usual home of

the Panthers.

However, because of recent repairs to the Illinois Ice Arena in Champaign, the Illini have been forced to practice on the same rink the Panthers call home. come

The Illini are coming off a split weekend with Loyola, losing the first game 5-2, but winning the second 8-2. Eastern was swept by nationally ranked Missouri State in its first two games.

Sophomores Andy Isalaco and Steven Kinnison each re-

corded a goal for the Panthers in the series against Missouri State. Junior goalie Zach Piefer will be in net again this weekend and said he's looking for a better showing than what the team had last week.

"We're looking to bounce back this week and set the tone for the rest of the season," he said. "U of I is our biggest rival so taking two games from them would be huge for our confidence moving forward."

It's been quite a while since the Panthers and Illini have

met. Snow days and scheduling mishaps caused a number of cancelations between the two clubs last season, but senior Glenn Oskverek said the Panthers are ready for the long awaited matchup.

"We look really good coming into our two game set against U of I," he said. "The boys are looking to come out with two W's this weekend."

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Baseball tryouts begin Sept. 26

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The Eastern baseball team will have walk-on tryouts starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 26, at Coaches Stadium.

This marks the second straight year that the Panthers have offered walk-on tryouts.

Students that want to try out must receive a physical and a sickle cell test from Health Services.

Potential walk-ons must also provide proof of insurance and register with the NCAA Clearinghouse online.

Any questions or concerns should be directed at Eastern's

pitching coach Jason Anderson through his email jranderson3@eiu.edu.

Anderson said students that want to try out have to bring all the necessary paperwork from the requirements listed above to the actual tryout to be able to participate.

Last year, Eastern had open tryouts for the first time since 2010.

Pitcher Kyle Arnett made the team, sticking with the Panthers during the fall despite not being able to play during the 2014 season because he had previously played at Benedictine University and was not eligible.



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Eastern baseball coach Jim Schmitz oversees team practice on Thursday at Coaches Stadium.

Arnett pitched during the fall, helping Eastern prepare for the season.

Anderson said prospective walk-ons should get their paperwork done as soon as possible because if anything is miss-

ing the student will not be able to tryout.

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Softball to play Olney, Parkland

By Sean Hastings
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The Eastern softball team begins its fall season this weekend at Williams Field, hosting Olney Central College and Parkland College in a pair of double-headers on Friday and Sunday, respectively.

The Panthers begin the fall without their top two pitchers, as Stephanie Maday and Hanna Mennenga finished their senior years last season.

Maday finished the 2014 season with a 1.88 ERA with a 17-9 record. Mennenga finished the season with a 1.90 ERA and a 20-5 record.

Eastern has four incoming freshmen pitchers, Taylor Miokovic, Tori Johnson, Michelle Rogers and Jessica Wierman.

They also have two more returning pitchers, in Hannah Rachor and Amber Toenves, who will have to fill in for the loss of Maday and Mennenga.

Rachor and Toenves did not see much action last year but they will have chances to pitch this year.

Although Eastern does not begin its regular season until February 2015, coach Angie Nicholson said the point of the fall season is to give everyone experience and get extra practice to be ready for the start of the season.

These fall games are all about learning and putting players in different positions to see how they can handle college softball, Nicholson said.

Playing in games will give the freshmen and other players that did not play as much last season a chance to show off their skills that are often hard to show off in practice because it is a different environment.

Nicholson, who is in her second year as the Panthers' coach, said she is happy with how things have been going so far.

For the team's first practice, the Panthers had to run a timed team mile.

The whole team had to finish in eight minutes for it to count.

"I knew in the first eight minutes that we had a very special team," Nicholson said. "We had the younger players pushing the upperclassmen to make sure they finished."

Nicholson has emphasized good condition and team speed since her arrival last year.

She said the effort shown in the first practice by the entire team was a nice thing to watch.

"It gives me the chills," she said. "It was the most beautiful thing to watch as a coach."

Eastern's first opponent is Olney Central College, with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday at Williams Field.

The second game begins at about 6 p.m.

The Panthers play their second double-header of the weekend, starting at noon Sunday against Parkland College, with the second game starting at 2 p.m.

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Men's soccer on the road again

By Mark Shanahan
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The Eastern men's soccer team is back on the road this weekend, starting at 6 p.m. Friday at Bowling Green and will play against Cincinnati at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Bowling Green is currently 5-1, following their 1-0 victory against Big Ten opponent Michigan on Tuesday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Eastern is meeting Bowling Green for the first time in eight years, Bowling Green leads the all time series 2-1-1.

During the span of its six games, Bowling Green has outscored its opponents 19-4.

Sophomore Pat Flynn leads Bowling Green and the nation in scoring with 10 goals and 21 points. Flynn has a couple of assists on the year, while three of his goals this year have been game winners.

Other notable players to watch for Bowling Green are senior Danny Baraldi and sophomore Joe Sullivan.

Baraldi has seven points and three goals on the year and Sullivan now has eight points and three goals after adding an assist against Michigan.

The goalkeeper for Bowling Green is Nick Landsberger, who has started all six games this year. He has three shutouts on the season and a goal against average of 0.71. Backup goalie Ryan Heuton has had minimal time at goal, but has a scoreless 45 minutes of play.

Head coach Eric Nichols has used the same starting lineup for all six games this year. He lost 10 seniors from last year's team that went 6-7-6 and finished fourth in the MAC conference.

Eastern head coach Mark Hansen compared Bowling Green to teams in the Summit league.

"This will be a great test for us because there are a couple teams in our conference that play a lot like Bowling Green," he said.

Eastern was 1-4-1 in the Summit League last season, with the Panthers' lone win in conference play coming on Oct. 20, 2013, against Oral Roberts at Lakeside Field.

The Panthers are coming off a 2-1 loss at Western Michigan that dropped them to 2-3 this season.

Hansen said freshman Mike



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Senior Will Butler passes the ball up the pitch in a match against Culver-Stockton on Sept. 8 at Lakeside Field. The Panthers beat the Wildcats 5-1.

Novotny will start at goal on Friday night, but added that red-shirt sophomore Ben Feltes could go in and do the job if called upon. Novotny is 1-1 as a starter and has played in three games this season for the Panthers.

Hansen is using these non-conference games to prepare for the tough conference schedule ahead, he said.

"For conference teams it's a different level of competition, more is on the line and teams know each

other better," he said. "Not allowing two goals in a game always keeps you in a game, but if we can get that down to a goal a game or less we are really going to put ourselves in a good position to be successful going into conference."

Conference play begins on Sept. 27, when Eastern travels to Omaha.

The Panthers' second leg of their weekend road trip is against Cincinnati, the game is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eastern leads the all-time

series against the Bearcats 4-2, but both teams have not played each other since 1994.

Cincinnati picked up its first win of the season against IPFW, which is also in the Summit League. The Bearcats won 5-0 and improved to 1-3-2, snapping their three-game losing streak.

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Price leads Eastern into reunion at Penn

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Eastern volleyball returns to action this Friday at the Penn State Alumni Classic. During this final preseason tournament it will take on East Carolina and Penn State on Friday and DePaul and Illinois-Chicago on Saturday. The Panthers record currently stands at 5-4.

Heading into Friday's matchup with Penn State, Eastern head coach Kate Price, has found some similarities between her team and the Penn State Nittany Lions. In fact, Price has some experience with that program, having won a national championship there in 2008 as a player.

She won't be the only coach at this weekend's tournament, who played under an outstanding program at Penn State.

DePaul's Nadia Edwards and Katie Schumacher-Cawley of UIC

both won national championships as members of the 1998-99 team, while East Carolina's Julie Torbett was the recipient of four Atlantic 10 championships for the Nittany Lions. Eastern assistant coach Ryan Sweitzer also won a men's national championship at Penn State in 2008.

During their time at Penn State, those four head coaches played under Rick Rose, who won six national championships and more than 1,000 career games in his 36 years at State College, Pa.

"The best way to describe [Rose] was as very demanding of all of us as players," Price said. "He also wanted us to have the best experience possible in our collegiate career and I think that's something that is and always has been a goal of mine."

Eastern players have expressed their excitement about the Penn State match, including freshman

Maria Brown. She is also familiar with the Penn State team, having played with them during club season.

"It's both scary and exciting. During club season a lot of the Penn State players played on the same team as I did," Brown said. "It's completely new territory, but I've seen them before and played with them, so that's a step up."

After studying this week's game film, Price has noticed that the four visiting teams' strategies have differentiated from the traditional Penn State model. She thinks this is due to the coaches' viewing different aspects of the game, and they're different upbringings of volleyball.

"We were all different players. Julie was a middle backer and defensive specialist, Katie and I were outside hitters and Nadia in the middle," Price said.

"You could probably sit us in a

room, and we could all say similar things about how we go about the game, but I think we all have different recruits and players now, which mean different things, strategy-wise."

Following a tough outing at South Dakota State last weekend, the Panthers are eager to get back into game mode, according to libero Stephanie Wallace.

"I think as long as we go into it with the right mind-set, it doesn't necessarily matter too much who's on the other side, as long as we can control what we can control on our side, and we play to the best we can," Wallace said.

"Hopefully we can finish the preseason on a good note, and head into conference on a good note next week."

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Eastern begins OVC title defense against Austin Peay

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The time to grow up and execute has arrived for the Eastern football team.

Ohio Valley Conference play begins against Austin Peay at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at O'Brien Field – coach Kim Dameron said the Panthers' transition period is over.

"The time is now," Dameron said. "We've had three non-conference opponents and I'd like to say they were pre-season games, but they weren't, they count. It's a lot better to learn from your team winning games, but nonetheless we've learned a lot. We need to grow up in some areas on the football team."

At 0-3, Eastern hosts the only other winless team in the OVC as Austin Peay enters O'Brien Field at 0-2.

Following double-digit losses to start the season, Dameron said the coaching staff is simplifying the offense, but still keeping it diverse.

Eastern's offense has averaged nine points in the second half of its first three games.

"You've seen that we've had more yardage than our three opponents, but we haven't finished anything," he said. "We have to learn to finish things for us to win."

The quarterback position for Eastern leads the conference in passing yards, as Jalen Whitlow and Andrew Manley have combined to average 280 passing yards per game. Unfortunately for the Panthers that statistic has not translated into points, as they are No. 7 in the OVC in scoring (18.7 points per game).

The Panthers' quarterback duo is one group of the team that Dameron said needs to grow up, as well as the Eastern cornerbacks.

"We're not young, but inexperienced in this offense at quarterback because it's all new to them," he said. "We have to continue to demand excellence in practice and excellence in games."

While Whitlow and Manley have split time so far this season, the urge to go with only one quarterback has crossed the mind of Dameron.

Against Illinois State, Whitlow was the quarterback in six of the seven second-half possessions for the Eastern offense. Manley ended the game with 13 pass attempts, which was a season-low for the red-shirt senior.

"We talk about (going with one quarterback) we have, the thing you



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The Eastern football offensive lines up against University of Minnesota on Aug. 28 at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn. with junior Jaylen Whitlow at quarterback. Eastern hosts Austin Peay at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at O'Brien Field to begin Ohio Valley Conference play.

better be careful with is you have to have two quarterbacks because if you play only one and he goes down you're done," Dameron said.

Manley and Whitlow have thrown a combined seven interceptions this season, while throwing three touchdowns all from Manley.



Unlike the first three games, though, Dameron said planning for future opponents one quarterback would receive more playing time than the other. The style, either being more elusive and athletic, which Whitlow provides, or more pass-oriented, which Manley presents will determine what Dameron believes is best suited to defeat upcoming teams.

"I'm not about taking one and just

pushing him off to the side and saying, 'No, you're not in our plans anymore,'" he said. "To me the prudent thing to do is maybe giving one guy more reps and get him ready to play because that's the style of football that we feel we need to play and as we're going forward that's what we're going to do more and more."

Defensively, Eastern allowed two long touchdown passes to Illinois State wide receiver Lechein Neblett. Dameron said the Panthers did a good job after the opening drive in stopping the run, but the 61 and 39-yard touchdown receptions by Neblett were the most disappointing aspect from the defense.

Austin Peay's only touchdown of the

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season was a 45-yard catch by wide receiver Javier Booker against Chattanooga. Dameron hopes Eastern's defensive backs have a bounce back game after Saturday's loss.

"We have to be able to play at a high level and not give up those big plays," Dameron said.

The Governors have not had many big plays this season, as they are averaging 84 yards through the air in their first two games.

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Panthers searching for another boost against Valpo

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Going into its non-conference match against Valparaiso last season, the Eastern women's soccer team was in the midst of an eight-match losing streak, having been shutout in its last seven matches.

With Ohio Valley Conference play right around the corner, the Panthers needed something, anything, to get a boost before its OVC-opener the next week. Though they did not leave Valparaiso with a win, Hannah Miller scored a second-half goal to break the month-long scoring drought. The next week, Eastern upset Belmont with a 1-0 overtime win and went on to win five of its next six OVC matches.

Now this season, the Panthers meet Valparaiso again, this time with the Crusaders coming to Lakeside Field for a 3 p.m. match Friday. The Panthers are 0-6-1 and again looking for that boost with the OVC schedule looming over their heads.



"I think these next two games will be really big for us," red-shirt junior Chris Reed said.

Reed herself has been big for Eastern, scoring in each of the last four matches, accounting for all of the Panthers' goals this season.

Being from South Bend, Ind., Eastern head coach Jason Cherry knows just what to expect from Valparaiso and

exactly what kind of team they are. He and Valparaiso head coach John Marovich have coached both with and against each other at the club level.

"They're a very physical team," he said. "They're going to bring it."

Valparaiso is 2-1-4 entering this weekend. It played to a scoreless 0-0 draw against IUPUI on Aug. 24, which Eastern lost to 3-2 on Sept. 7.

Valparaiso also beat the OVC's Belmont 2-1 in its season opener on Aug. 22. The Panthers meet Belmont on Oct. 3 at Lakeside Field.

Junior midfielder Rita Craven, from Frankfort, and sophomore Vanessa Abdad, a transfer from Ohio State, lead Valparaiso with two goals each. Junior Sydney Galvez-Daley, a transfer from Creighton, has started each of Valparaiso's seven matches, only giving up three goals so far this season.

The Panthers wrap up non-conference play at 1 p.m. Sunday, traveling to Chicago for only their second road match of the season to take on Chicago State.

Chicago State is in its first year as a women's soccer team and is currently 1-6 to start under head coach Tony Tommasi, who was previously head coach of Division III Buena Vista in Storm Lake, Iowa, from 2010-12.

Chicago State's roster is comprised of 23 players, all of whom are freshmen. The Cougars got their first win in program history against Arkansas-

Pine Bluff on Aug. 23 with a 4-1 win. Since then, they have lost five straight, giving up at least three goals in each match and scoring none.

When going up against an unfamiliar opponent, Cherry said the team would focus more on itself when preparing.

"We're going to really focus on the things that we need to do," he said. "It's our last non-conference game, so maybe give a few people some different chances at different positions and try to just get everything ready for conference."

Red-shirt senior Lauren Hoppensteadt, who suffered an ankle injury against IUPUI and did not play Sunday against Wisconsin-Green Bay, participated in practice this week. Cherry said she would likely see limited action this weekend.

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**FAMILY WEEKEND
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Family Weekend is not limited to families



MEGAN IVEY
VERGE EDITOR

That's right everyone, it's Family Weekend. Despite the name, the weekend does not have to pertain to only those with family members visiting. When I was a freshman, my family did not attend Family Weekend. The same will prove true for this Family Weekend.

I am not the only one. There are people who have spent four years here, are about to graduate, and have never had family visitors.

To be completely honest, I do not look back at last year and feel as though I missed out.

This is not saying I do not enjoy Family Weekend.

To me, Family Weekend is a breather whether you have your family or not.

Students who go to the events do not miss out.

If you still want part of the genuine experience, one way to spend the weekend is by tagging along with a friend and their family. Not only will you (probably) get a free meal, but you can learn a lot about your friend and have a good laugh at his/her dad's lame jokes.

If parents intimidate you, still go to the events with others who are in the same situation as you.

No matter how you spend the weekend, make Eastern feel like home.

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Steve Johnson and daughter Hannah Johnson run the Panther Trail during the 2013 "Run for a Reason: Run Red" charity event. This year will be the 8th Annual "Run Red."

Community to 'Run Red' for charity

By Megan Ivey
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Students, families and community members will "Run Red" for local disaster relief 9 a.m. Saturday at the Panther Trail.

New Student Programs and the Red Cross have teamed together for the 8th annual "Run Red: Run for a Reason" charity 2.5k and 5k run.

Check-in starts at 8:15 a.m. at the Campus Pond Pavilion. Registration is \$20. Those interested are allowed to register up until the race begins.

Participants can choose to walk or run the Panther Trail for a 2.5k (one lap), or 5k (two laps).

So far the event has more than 30 registered participants.

Kimberlie Mook, the director of New Student Programs, is hopeful the numbers will double through walk-in registration.

"We typically see more than 25 walk-ins,

so we anticipate somewhere between 50 and 60 runners," Mook said.

Mook said all types of participants are present. Some come as father and daughter duos, some run individually and some brings their pets as companions.

Mook said no matter the activity level, all participants are welcome.

"There are some who come in their active gear ready to learn the trail course," she said. "Then there are some who are not runners, but want to take a morning stroll and help a good cause."

Participants will receive a t-shirt, as well as be entered in a raffle for door prizes, including Eastern shirts and water bottles, as well as local gift certificates.

The registration will be donated to the local Red Cross disaster relief fund.

Disaster relief funds are used for incidents such as fires and flooding. There are about 25 of these incidents annually.

Mook said while fundraising for national

foundations are important, the program wanted to have a focus on local philanthropies.

"The money we raise goes directly to the community," she said. "Sometimes, the money helps Eastern student, faculty or staff member. It feels good to know we can help a fellow community member."

Last year, the event raised \$1,500. Mook said the amount of participants heavily depends on the weather conditions.

"When we have rain, there are usually less runners," she said. "But, fingers crossed, Saturday should provide nice, cool weather."

Mook said this event, along with the rest of Family Weekend, is a good way to demonstrate Eastern's mission to the family and community.

"Many organizations come together to appeal to all aspects," she said. "It really is like we all come together and make it feel like home."

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FINDING THE FUNK

Sinbad provides comedic entertainment for Family Weekend

By Samantha Middendorf

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Nothing can stop Sinbad from wanting to get up onstage and perform for a live audience.

“Most comics can’t wait to get onstage, it’s hard to explain,” Sinbad said. “It’s like being a junkie.”

Sinbad will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday at Lantz Arena. Tickets are \$21 and can be purchased at the University Union Ticket Office.

College shows are particularly satisfying for Sinbad, he said, because of the difference in the audience.

“I’m into doing college shows because I think as we get older, they think we’re not relevant to younger people,” he said. “But when I was young, I didn’t care how old somebody was or how old a band was, I just wanted to go see them.”

Sinbad, a comedian, actor and musician, has been performing stand-up comedy since 1983.

“I always knew I was meant to perform, but I didn’t know you could become a comedian,” Sinbad said.

Sinbad said he found his calling to stand-up through an Air Force Talent show.

“I had an epiphany when I saw them and I said, ‘This is it,’” he said. “I tried out, and I won the next year.”

The preparation needed to perform a successful stand-up show is hard to put into words, Sinbad said.

“It never stays the same. In the beginning it takes on its own life form and life force and it’s kind of fun,” he said.



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Sinbad, known for his comedic performances and movies, will perform 8 p.m. Saturday at Lantz Arena. Tickets are \$21 and will be available until show time.

When audience members don’t react to a joke that the comedian makes, the comedian has to continue on.

“It’s funny — comedy is the only thing that is such an instinctive thing,” he said. “If you try to analyze it, you mess it up, you just have to keep moving.”

The simplest audience to perform

to is one that knows your name, Sinbad said.

“It’s easier once you’re famous — if you’re famous, you don’t have to be funny,” he said. “People don’t come to laugh, they come to see your face and I’ve gotta make you laugh.”

However, Sinbad said it is easier to win over an audience when no

one knows what to expect from you.

“The best time in your life is when no one knows who you are, and they don’t even think you’re going to be funny, and you slam them,” he said. “That’s a victory, that’s an earned laugh.”

Despite his history in film, television and music, stand-up comedy will always be exceptional to Sinbad.

“Stand-up comedy will always be the bread and butter, it will always be the thing that made everything else happen. Stand-up comedy is the thing that I love, and that makes it special.”

The purpose of this stand-up stays the same, no matter what the audience, Sinbad said.

“It’s about being funny,” he said. “My language may be different, but my intent is all the same. There’s not subject that I can’t talk about, and it actually allows me to get away with more.”

Overall, the goal that Sinbad said he holds for himself is entertain, and keep things fresh.

“Everyone wants to be a superstar, but you know what I wanna do,” Sinbad asked. “At the end of the day, I hope I’m pushing myself and doing some really, really cool stuff.”

Sinbad hopes that continuing to push himself and impress the audience will keep his career as steady as it has been.

“Staying on the road, staying relevant, staying funny, and entertaining; staying relevant is about being relevant,” he said.

Above all else, Sinbad said he looks forward to showing Eastern what funk is.

“I am funk,” he said. “So when I bring the funk, I bring my style and funk is something you won’t know until it hits you. You might not know what funk is, but you will know when I’m done.”

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Wine tasting event to inform attendees

By **Thaija Evans**
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Family Weekend is quickly approaching which includes a wine tasting event that both parents and students may attend.

The event will take place in the west end of the University Ballroom inside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Sessions will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., each lasting approximately one hour and 15 minutes on Saturday. There is no cost to attend.

Adults 21 and older will have the chance to taste several different wines such as CK, Merlot, Mondovi, Chardonnay and Zin, all provided by the Union Liquor Service, while also being educated on the beverages through a hands-on presentation.

Attendees will be taught how to identify distinct types of wines through characteristics like taste, color and aroma.

Those who take part in the event will also learn how to serve wine in regards to what wine should be served with certain meals.

Cathy Engelkes, the Union Deputy Director, organized the event.

Engelkes said the event has not gone through drastic changes because of its continued popularity.

“The event has been a success in previous years,” she said. “Both family members and students have enjoyed it.”

Engelkes said families who participate can learn more about wine knowledge.

“We also hope they take away some general knowledge of wines, how they taste, and how you are to serve them,” she said.

Engelkes also stated that the event helps families bond by allowing them to spend even more time together through sharing the experience with one another.

Signup sheets will be available outside of the University Ballroom’s doors 15 minutes before each session.

Only 72 people are permitted in each session; seats will be limited. A valid form of identification is required for those wishing to participate.

No children will be allowed in the room while the event is taking place.

Engelkes said she hopes that families will take advantage of all the events family weekend has to offer.

“We hope they enjoy the time they spend at EIU at not only this activity, but all the weekend events,” Engelkes said.

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A wine tasting event for Family Weekend will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday at the west end of the University Ballroom inside Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Admittance is 21 and older, and there is no cost to attend.



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REVIEW | VIDEO GAME

Destiny best played when with others



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Destiny is the newest game by Bungie the studio behind the original Halo games. The game is a shooter with RPG (role playing game) and MMO (massively multiplayer online) elements. This review will revolve around the PS4 version of the game but the game is also on the PS3, Xbox 360 and Xbox One.

Destiny starts off with a premise of taking place thousands of years in the future. Humanity has prospered thanks to “the traveler,” a sphere that came to Mars. But before the game takes place something called the darkness appeared and had a war with the traveler and wiped out most of humanity. You play as a “Guardian,” someone chosen by the now-dead traveler to protect what’s left of humanity. This is literally all the information the game tells you about the premise.

The story mode is very light on story, which is the major flaw of Destiny.

The characters will mention important events or dates but won’t expound on it. The game takes the philosophy of letting the player figure it out on their own time.

There is a lore system in the game with details on the story, but it’s the least intuitive way to get back-story.

Players can only access the

lore through the Destiny app or on Bungies’ website. This doesn’t make the game bad but it does feel like a major misstep, especially with all the hype that had been surrounding the game the last couple of years.

It could have been a huge Sci-Fi space epic. Instead, the games story is so bare bones and boring that it leaves the player wanting to skip the few story cut scenes there are. There also isn’t a cut scene skip option, which is rare in this day and age.

Where the game shines however is in its gameplay. The main story will only take players 10-17 hours to beat but personally the game left me wanting more which is not a bad thing. The story mode missions are extremely fun.

Combat is top-notch; one would expect from the creators of Halo. The jumping and hover mechanics make travel fast and makes it so players can pretty much reach any edge in the game. And the Sparrow, which is a hover bike type vehicle, is a blast to drive and transports players at a much faster speed than running or walking.

The three classes, which include the Warlock, Titan and Hunter, have their own perks and drawbacks. Every class has two sub classes with different abilities to unlock. Players can mix and match the abilities to make the character that suits their play style best.

Players can play in teams of three throughout the story and it’s recommended that you play with a friend or two on a similar schedule to your own.

The game is much more enjoyable with multiple people as there are segments in the game that are extremely difficult to finish by yourself.



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Destiny, the newest game by the creators of Halo, was released Sept. 9, 2014. Players of the game are called "Guardians."

The guns in the game are vast and customizable. Whether they like to use automatic guns or they like sniping, there are options for everyone.

The level system, while not being as in depth as other games, is rather simple and feels satisfying. The soft level cap is only 20 so it’s not too hard to get to the max level in a couple of days. Players however can break the level cap by upgrading certain armor and weapons.

After you beat the game there is a lot of additional options players can do. And while replaying the story outside of starting a new class might be tedious the other options are addicting and are sure to start taking up your time. One thing players can do is

go into PvP (player versus player) matches with other players. There are six versus six, three versus three and a free for all mode. They provide standard arenas for players to fight on.

Players earn experience, reputation, and even unlock more weapons and armor through these modes. The game also scales peoples strength and levels so someone who is only level eight still has a fair shot against someone who past the 20 cap.

The other thing players can do are called strikes which are extended missions usually with a boss or two thrown in.

They have large amounts of rewards in the form of loot and reputation and are generally more challenging.

However there are only a limited amount of strikes and PvP modes so it’s easy to see how someone may get bored of the game eventually. Some new ones might be patched in later but it’s not guaranteed. The game does promise at least two expansions but little is known about those for now.

While the story is lacking and there’s not as many things to do in the game as what was described before its release the game play is very addicting and fun and the customization is very deep so I personally believe that Destiny deserves a solid 7.5 out of 10.

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REVIEW | ALBUM

Crucified Barbara battles sexism with new album



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One should certainly think twice before pinning Swedish hard rock group Crucified Barbara as a novelty or a spectacle because its members are female

In fact, their gender is hardly worth mentioning other than to highlight the very reason this band is pissed off in the first place.

On its fourth album, “In the Red,” Crucified Barbara strikes listeners with the harsh realities of sexism in the music industry and in society at large.

The opening track, “I Sell My Kids for Rock ‘n’ Roll,” is essentially a middle finger to everyone who has stereotyped the four musicians because they are women.

The song sarcastically begins, “You’re so good for being a girl; not sure I’m in it for real...They say I’m getting too old. I can’t hear you now; I’m sorry we’re playing too loud.”

The singer goes on to mock the logic of people who have judged her.

“Wonder how we get along, find the time to write any songs; you think we’re busy painting our nails, and all the things we girls gotta do.”

Not only is this raw aggression enticing, it also paints a unique stylistic picture of the band.

The attitude and anger seething forth from lyrical statements on social issues and the edgy wail of Mia Coldheart’s vocals are tes-

taments to Crucified Barbara’s punk roots.

Meanwhile, the bold riffs and simple song structure adorned with extended guitar intros and solos make for a sound that is true to rock while maintaining a metal edge.

For example, moments in the album are reminiscent of powerhouse Black Label Society, such as the introduction for “To Kill a Man.”

This song talks about men who use power and authority to sexually assault young girls.

Specifically, it talks about wanting to kill those men.

Listeners can feel the complex emotions that arise from such a frustrating issue as Coldheart raises pitch during the chorus, nearly screaming, “I wonder how it feels, to kill a man.”

The music video released for this song is just as intense, show-

ing newspaper headlines in which women are blamed or ostracized after rape cases.

Another theme of this record is the euphoria and empowerment of playing heavy music. This is evident on the title track, which incidentally is one of the heaviest songs on the album.

“Lunatic #1” is another. The fast, punchy drums really pick up here, and the gang vocals make it sound like a punk anthem.

The song “Electric Sky” also explores the power of live music, but it has more of a dance beat to it and undoubtedly will be a favorite among crowds.

The album closes on another heavy subject—the way animals are treated in slaughterhouses—with the song “Follow the Stream.”

Listeners can envision animals walking to their deaths across a bloodstained floor among horrid screams and the smell of those who

were fated before them.

The song has some lighter, acoustic breakdown moments that offer a contemplative pause, but they are not too far away from “So easy to live in a lie; follow the stream like the others. Do what you’ve always done.”

Crucified Barbara effectively mashes the best elements of punk, rock and metal, so fans of any of those genres can find something musically appealing about this band.

Music fans who are also interested in social issues such as women’s rights and animal rights will surely find the lyrics inspiring as well.

This is an overall empowering album that is unforgiving in its messages and relentless in its sonic heaviness.

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Todd Hazelrigg will perform acoustic-style music with the occasional beatboxing 9 p.m. Saturday at Mac's Uptowner. The cover is \$2, and audience members must be 21 to enter.

Guitarist gives impact through lyrics

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Illinois native Todd Hazelrigg is an acoustic singer-songwriter who performs across the state and keeps his music close to home.

Hazelrigg will perform 9 p.m. Saturday at Macs' Uptowner, located on the Charleston square.

The Fights, a midwestern country band, will open. The cover is \$2, and audience members must be 21 to enter.

Hazelrigg's calm voice and steady guitar make listeners feel secure and comfortable.

Yet his confident, composed, light-hearted music is a façade for candid emotional stories. Hazelrigg sings of lost love, hope and being stuck in a small town.

Hazelrigg said his songwriting

is deeply introspective.

"I write about real, blisteringly honest things," he said. "Things that got my emotions stirred up, and topics that were hard to talk about but I did anyway."

Hazelrigg said he considers lyrics as the most important part of his songs.

"I want you to feel what I feel," Hazelrigg said. "If I'm happy, I want to make you smile. If I am writing about the bad times, I want to bring you there with me and make you feel it too."

Hazelrigg's first solo album, "The Kitchen Sessions," is full of real-life stories that listeners can connect with.

"If you're going to write, and someone's going to take your music home, it should be relatable," Hazelrigg said.

The 27-year-old Kankakee native has been songwriting, touring and performing for six years.

"I had 25 gigs last month,

itive," he said.

He has a residency at Sammy's Pizza on the first Friday of the month. He hosts open mic every

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-Todd Hazelrigg, Acoustic singer-songwriter

which I think is a new personal record," he said.

The dedicated performer is very active in the Kankakee area. He said he believes musicians serve an important role in the lives of locals.

"I'm doing what I can to give people a fun time and make it pos-

Tuesday at the Whatever Bar.

Hazelrigg has been playing at Macs' Uptowner for years.

"I have family in Charleston, so I'm half a local," he said. "I have a lot of friends down there. To me, Uptowner is another hometown bar."

Lonnie Fitzgerald, booking

agent for Macs' Uptowner, describes Hazelrigg's performances as "a mix of folk, rock, funk, bluegrass and even a little bit of beat-box."

Hazelrigg said he started beatboxing to liven up the shows. "I like to do funky stuff," he said. "I aim for a balance of music you can party to and music you can take home with you."

Hazelrigg said he performs every show with the same dedication, regardless if the audience is five or 500 people.

"Sometimes I pretend like the fate of the universe rests on every note," he said. "I owe it to the audience to put on a good show."

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Salon hosts Cut-a-Thon to fundraise wigs for children

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With each lock of hair cut Saturday, a local salon will raise money to help children with hair-loss diseases.

First Impressions Salon, at 1443 Seventh St., will take part in a Cut-a-Thon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Volunteers will receive a free haircut if they donate at least 12 inches of hair to be made into the wigs.

All the money made from the fundraiser will benefit Wigs-for-

Kids charity.

Wigs-for-Kids is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help children who are suffering from hair loss.

First Impressions partnered with a beauty supply manufacturer called Aquage, which lead them to the Wigs-for-Kids.

The wigs donated are given to children diagnosed with different diseases with symptoms that lead to hair loss.

These include alopecia, a condition that causes hair to fall out; trichotillomania, an anxiety disorder that causes those affected to

pull out their hair; children going through cancer treatments and other afflictions that may cause people to lose their hair.

Kambri Hinds, a worker at First Impressions, said wig making is an expensive process, ranging from 1500-1800 dollars a wig.

"The reason wigs cost so much is that they are hand sewn, and more natural," Hinds said. "The children can swim, and do gymnastics without it looking like they have a wig on,"

Hinds said the fundraiser will help people who could not normally pay for wigs themselves.

"It's nice to be able to do fundraising for people who won't be able to afford [wigs] on their own," she said.

Hinds said a local Girl Scout troop will volunteer their time during the event.

"This event gives them a chance to earn a badge," she said.

Along with the Cut-a-Thon, First Impressions will also be selling hair and styling products. The proceeds will be donated to Wigs-for-Kids.

They will also have a raffle and a donation box as more forms of

fundraising.

Although this is the first year First Impressions is doing this event, Hinds said that the success of this year will determine future possible fundraising events.

"If it goes well, we hope to do it every year," she said.

For more information on Wigs-For-Kids, those interested can go to the Wigs for kids website, www.wigsforkids.org, www.aquage.com.

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